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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT RECOGNIZES TWO EMPLOYEES AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING

Chris Smith was named Employee of the Year and Arnold Lara received the Award of Achievement at the Ventura Superior Court's Annual Meeting on January 29, 2004. Both awards were presented by Executive Officer Michael Planet.

Ms. Smith was described as extremely personable and very committed to her work. "She goes out of her way to help the court and is always willing to do her fair share and then some," said Planet.

Ms. Smith has been a Judicial Secretary with the court for the past 11 years. She is currently assigned to Judges Brian Back, Herbert Curtis III, John Dobroth and Rebecca Riley.

The employee of the year is chosen from among the court's 12 employees of the month. Selection for this honor is based on job performance and service to the court.

The Award of Achievement recognizes an employee who has gone above and beyond the call of duty during the course of their work. Recipient Arnold Lara was recognized for his efforts in ensuring the successful implementation of the new Juvenile Delinquency module of the court's automated case management system.

“His drive and commitment was the force behind making this project happen” said Planet, who also described him as “diligent, flexible, and an excellent trainer.”

Mr. Lara is presently a Court Office Systems Coordinator II in the Automation and Technology unit. He has been with the court for 13 years.

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